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SUBJ: CUBAN-MEXICAN RELATIONS

REF: A. MEXICO 10020, B. MEXICO 9622; C. MEXICO 9544 NOTAL

1. ACTING USINT CHIEF, JUNE 16, CALLED ON MEXICAN
AMBASSADOR ERNESTO MADERO VAZQUEZ FOR TOUR D' HORIZON ON
RECENT DEVELOPMENTS IN CUBAN-MEXICAN RELATIONS. MADERO,
WHO IS QUITE SYMPATHETIC TO CUBANS, STATED FOLLOWING:

2. CASTRO VISIT TO MEXICO (REF B). CASTRO, SINCE ECHEVERRIA
VISIT HERE, HAS HAD OPEN INVITATION TO VISIT MEXICO AT ANY
TIME OF HIS CHOOSING. THE CUBAN LEADER HAS NOT ACCEPTED
INVITATION, AND IS NOT LIKELY TO DO SO IN NEAR FUTURE,
BECAUSE OF CONCERN BY CUBANS FOR CASTRO'S PERSONAL SAFETY
IN MEXICO. MADERO SATED THAT, WHILE HE BELIEVES THAT CASTRO
IS NOT PERSONALLY FRIGHTENED, OTHER CUBAN POLITBURO
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MEMBERS ARE CONCERNED WITH CASTRO'S WELFARE. (COMMENT:
WE FIND IT DIFFICULT TO BELIEVE THAT OTHER POLITBURO
MEMBERS COULD CAUSE CASTRO TO ALTER HIS TRAVEL PLANS.
ALSO WE WONDER WHETHER MEXICO PRESENTS ANY MORE OF A
SECURITY PROBLEM THAN JAMAICA OR THE MANY AFRICAN COUNTRIES
VISITED BY FIDEL.)

3. TREATY OF TLATELOLCO. CUBANS ARE STILL NOT PREPARED TO SIGN. FOREIGN MINISTER MALMIERCA TOLD VISITING MEXICAN PARLIAMENTARY DELEGATION (REF C), IN SECOND WEEK OF JUNE, THAT CUBA APPRECIATED PURPOSES OF TREATY OF TLATELOLCO, AGREED WITH SOVIET DECISION TO ADHERE TO PROTOCOL II, AND HAD FAVORABLY COMMENTED IN PRESS ON THIS SOVIET ACTION. BUT CUBA IS NOT YET PREPARED TO SIGN. (COMMENT: CUBANS RECENTLY HAVE CITED US EVACUATION OF GUANTANAMO AND LIFTING OF EMBARGO AS CONDITIONS FOR TLATELOLCO ADHERENCE. NEITHER MEXICAN AMBASSADOR NOR USINT HAS SEEN ANY CUBAN PRESS COMMENTARY PRAISING SOVIET ADHERENCE TO PROTOCOL II. ONLY COMMENTARY EITHER OF US HAS NOTED, OTHER THAN INITIAL BRIEF REPORTAGE ON BREZHNEV'S KOMOSOL SPEECH, WAS SOVIET TASS REPRINT IN MAY 15 GRANMA -- SEE HAVANA 1258 NOTAL).

4. MEXICAN PETROLEUM EXPORTS TO CUBA. MADERO SAID THAT MEXICO IS READY IN PRINCIPLE TO SUPPLY PETROLEUM TO CUBA AS PART OF A QUADRILATERAL EXCHANGE AGREEMENT. WHILE SPAIN MAY BE A USEFUL EUROPEAN PARTY SINCE ITS ACTUAL AND PLANNED REFINERIES ARE ON BOTH ATLANTIC AND MEDITERRANEAN COASTS--THUS ALLOWING DELIVERIES FROM SOVIET PORTS IN BALTIC, AS WELL AS BLACK SEA, MEXICANS WOULD PREFER THAT SWAP BE REALIZED THROUGH SOVIET SUPPLY OF PETROLEUM TO FRG AND NETHERLANDS SINCE MEXICANS WOULD PREFER TO RECEIVE HIGH TECHNOLOGY PRODUCTS FROM THESE COUNTRIES. MADERO STATED THAT, AS FAR AS HE IS AWARE, NO

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CONCRETE AGREEMENTS HAVE YET BEEN REACHED WITH SPAIN OR FRG/NETHERLANDS. (COMMENT: USE OF PIPELINE TRANSPORT OF PETROLEUM TO FRG WOULD PRESUMABLY BE ADVANTAGEOUS TO SOVIETS. MOSCOW'S ONGOING EXPLORATIONS FOR ALTERNATIVE SOURCES OF PETROLEUM SUPPLY TO CUBA ARE RELATED TO COSTS AND "DEAD TIME" OF SOVIET TANKERS.) GLASSMAN

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